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<p align="center">Office Action Summary</p>	Application No. 10/604,245	Applicant(s) LIU ET AL.	
	Examiner Shouxiang Hu	Art Unit 2811	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-44 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-22, 26, 28 and 31-43 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 23-25, 27, 29, 30 and 44 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Claims 1-22, 26, 28 and 31-43 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in Paper No. 20040419.
2. Accordingly, claims 1-44 are pending in this application; and claims 23-25, 27, 29-30 and 44.

Claim Objections

3. Claims 23-25, 27, 29-30 and 44 are objected to because of the following informalities and/or defects:

Claims 23 and 44 each recites the term of "reaction layer"; but it fails to clarify what type reaction it refers to, and between what two layers and/or materials the recited reaction occurs.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 23-25, 27, 29-30 and 44, as being best understood in view of the claim objections set forth above, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Inoue et al. ("Inoue"; US 6,597,019) in view of Hahn et al. ("Hahn"; US 2003/0168664).

Inoue discloses a light emitting diode (Fig. 3) having an adhesive layer and a reflective layer, comprising at least: a substrate (at least the lower portion of 13a); a reflective layer (at least the upper portion of 13a) formed over the substrate; a transparent adhesive layer (16) formed over the reflective layer; a Ni layer (5) formed over the transparent adhesive layer, wherein the Ni layer (5) is naturally readable as a second reaction layer as it is naturally capable of forming a similar bonding reaction with a resin as in the instant case, since it is formed of Ni that is chemically and/or physically substantially similar to Cr as that used in the instant invention; and an LED stack formed over the second reaction layer (5).

Although Inoue does not expressly disclose that the reflective layer can be formed of Ag covered with a Cr layer, one of ordinary skill in the art would readily that Ag is an art-known reflective material for high reflectivity, and that it is commonly desirable to cover it with a barrier layer such as Cr for protecting the Ag reflective layer, as evidenced in Hahn (see the Ag reflective layer 16 covered by the Cr layer 15 in Fig. 1).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the Ag reflective layer and the Cr cover layer of Hahn into the light emitting device of Inoue, so that a light-emitting device with a

good reflective layer with high reflectivity and good protection to it would be obtained.

And, in such a collectively taught device, the Ag layer and the Cr layer would be naturally readable as a reflective layer and a first reaction layer.

Regarding claim 24, at least the top portion of the Ni layer (5) of Inoue is readable as a transparent conductive layer, as the whole Ni layer (5) therein is very thin and substantially transparent.

Regarding claim 29, the transparent adhesive layer of Inoue is formed of a resin, which normally naturally comprises a polyimide.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. References C and D are cited as being related to a light-emitting device structure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shouxiang Hu whose telephone number is 571-272-1654. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eddie C. Lee can be reached on 571-272-1732. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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